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1. Ernst August HESSERSCHMIDT was not only an agent but belonged to Amt VI. Before he came to Rome (in 1942) he had been working in the section VI G 1 (afterwards VI D - England and USA). His task was to give information about Italian politicians and mostly about the foreign embassies in Rome. He needed lots of money and did only poor work, so he was called back to Berlin in 1943 and released from Amt VI in order to become a soldier. Afterwards he came back to Rome and did the same kind of work for the military Abwehr. He is about 4m90, dark hair, blue eyes, looks like an American. He is about 30 years old.

2. Leon HEYMAN, (journalist, about 45 years old, blue eyes, not very tall. He was the best informant about Italian problems. He knew most of the Fascist leaders personally and MUSSOLINI gave him interviews. He is very clever and always prepared things well for himself (he only accepted Swiss money for pay). After Rome fell he stayed in Northern Italy for some months, then went to live in Sweden (Stockholm).

3. Dr. Klaus WOLFF was a member of Amt VI. He is very small, dark hair and eyes, moustache, exaggeratedly careful because he is a coward. After Rome fell he was working for BKS Italy in Verona. I suppose he remained in Northern Italy until the end of the war.

4. Leon Werner von der SCHULenburg was one of the first paid agents of Amt VI in Italy. He used to write and translate books and had his office in Rome, via Paolo Fiesi 22, telephone 87-55-54. He also had a small house in the country near Rome. He gave information about Italian political and military personalities and about what was going on inside the Vatican. He always needed money. I do not know what became of him, whether he left Rome with the Germans or stayed there when the Allied troops entered it. He is about 60 years old, tall, wearing glasses, has blue eyes and grey hair. His wife is a former actress, his cousin Graf von Helldorf, the last German ambassador to Moscow.

5. There are lots of men named RIGGI in Italy but I do not remember one of them working for Amt VI.

6. General TURKUL is a (white Russian) and one of the chiefs of the Russian Officers' Party. He was not an agent but worked together with the Germans in order to organise an anti-Bolshevik Russia. I only sent him letters to Berlin and brought him the answers. He lived in Rome, Circonvallazione Clodia 128, until 1943, then sent to stay in Budapest. He is about 55 years old, has dark hair and eyes.

7. Frau WILKIN only wanted to work for Amt VI but was sent away because of no use. I saw her privately every week when I got my rations and gave her some of them because she had a child and no money to buy on the black market. Therefore she is mentioned in my diaries.

8. Dr. Wilhelm GROBL, (Untersturmfuehrer) and member of Amt VI, was one of the best men Amt VI had. He was always on special missions. His last task was the organisation of the so-called I-Netz (Invasion network), to work after the invasion) for Italy. Owing to this job he was killed by partisans on the road between Trieste and Fiume in 1943.

9. Bertrand BIERACK was sent to Rome in summer 1940 in order to organise together with GROBL an agents network for Amt VI. This had to be done very carefully because Hitler had forbidden every

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intelligence work in Italy. The plan failed and BIERBACK left Amt VI in 1941.

10. MALLINKRODT, (captain) of the (commercial marine) was one of GROBL's men. He had a yacht in the Adriatic with radio. I do not know if the thing worked as it was meant to do, after the invasion of Southern and Central Italy. MALLINKRODT was not very zealous in his job. His house is in Berlin-Wilmersdorf, Wechstedterweg 11, telephone 86-86-42. He was about 55 years old, 5'11", with blue eyes and a few grey hairs, looks like CHURCHILL. He never liked the Nazis.

11. Fritz SCHWEND (CONDIG) was (his cover name) worked for Amt VI since 1940. He was a friend of Dr. GROBL. He is a German who lived for some years in the USA where his aunts own big factories and millions of dollars. Then he came back to Europe to administer the European fortunes of these aunts and used to live in Albazia, Italy (near the Yugoslavian border). I know him personally and I had the feeling that he did his work mostly because he loved the adventures of big business. He was the one who brought the false pounds made by the SD in circulation. In the first years he bought good money and gold with them and afterwards goods needed in Germany (leather, wool, stockings and so on). His big transactions procured most of the foreign currency the Amt VI needed for its work. As I heard by radio in May or June 1945, he was arrested with his office in a castle near Bozen or Merano. SCHWEND is about 40 or 45 years old, tall, with dark hair and eyes and sunburnt skin.

12. (The German Police Attache in Rome) Herbert KAPPLER was ordered by Amt VI in the spring of 1943 to prepare the Invasion Net for Italy. His principal agent was the Baron PITNER, an Italian citizen of Austrian origin who lived in northeastern Italy. He was a friend of Baron EBERHARD von ESENTHAL (who gave information about the big Italian commercial companies in Venezia Giulia (Trieste) and the Jewish participation in themselves (he was violently anti-semitic). After Rome fell (in April 1944) KAPPLER went to Northern Italy and most probably worked together with these people until the end of the war in his quality as adviser of the chief of the Italian police; in fact, he ordered the Italian police what to do.

13. Otto LACHNER was KAPPLER's interpreter in Rome. He was sent to Naples in September or October 1943 and meant to stay there and to work as an agent after the expected Allied advance. But he came back to Rome because his papers were not all right. I do not know what he did afterwards. He is a Tyrolian, speaks good Italian, is about 32 years old, rather small, disorderly dress. (There is a photo of him together with Count CIANI in my papers).

14. LONGARINI is a (lay priest in the Vatican library) who gave knowingly or not- information about the Vatican through his friend LACHNER. Maybe he was meant to cooperate with the Georgian monastery which was planned by Amt VI as an information centre inside the Vatican.

15. FRATZ is about 50 years old, tall, with only a few hairs left. He wears glasses and is very nervous, his face is never quiet. I knew him in January 1944 and he was then an agent (without being paid, he is rich) of the Grenzschutzstelle West of Bds Italy in Cernobbio near Como. He lived in a small village near Chiasso but on the Italian side. His firm, the GLUEVOH A-G (telephone numbers are written down in my diary) is in Chiasso, Switzerland. He is a German citizen, born in Austria. His wife is Swiss. Before the first world war he had been an officer in the Austrian Army and somebody told me that he was working as an

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intelligence officer or spy during the first war. Afterwards he became a business man. He had very good relations in Switzerland and the chief of the police in the Swiss canton Tessin was his friend. Through PRAGER I got my Swiss visa almost at once. When I was in Lugano he often came to see me in the German Consulate and brought me orders from Berlin and took my reports with him. He also changed gold dollars into Swiss Francs for the RSNA. He gave information about the Swiss and Italian commerce and important personalities to the Grenzbeobachtungsstelle (Post whose chief) as Hauptsturmführer VOTTERL, was - as I noticed - completely under his influence. I am quite sure that he organized money transactions to Switzerland for the SD. Now he is certainly living in Switzerland. (He is ill with diabetes and using insulin before every meal.) Maybe he was working for the Swiss Intelligence Service too.

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